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THE STEWARD'S STORY.

(continued.)

He then ordered me to go down with the mates into the cabin, to try to lay our hands upon the blue-lights, also some cartridges for two small swivels, which we had on the taffrail. Moreover, he directed me to bring up some wine or spirits to serve to the crew. This I managed to effect with some difficulty; and very useful the allowance was to the wet and shivering men. We learned afterwards that our blue-lights and guns certainly gave notice to the people on the island of our whereabouts, but produced no other effect, nor, indeed, did we look for much assistence from the shore. A dreary night we passed, nor when the day broke was the prospect much more inspiriting; but that our commander's advice was good in urging the men not to take to the boats during the night, as we could now perceive, what we should have probably missed in the dark, that there was a short stretch of sand and shingly beach, where we might have some chance of running the boats ashore, and even of saving our lives if they chanced to be rolled over the heavy surf, which we could not help considering was more likely than not. Be that as might happen, the trial was to be made; and Captain Harisson proceeded to tell off the crew of the first cutter, which he placed under the charge of Mr. Monsell. With him she would carry twelve in all. This divided the crew and officers equally between the two boats, with the exception of the captain, who made one over the complement for the second cutter. This having been arranged, we lowered away the boats with two hands in her tending the falls, and, thanks to the shelter afforded by the position of the ship, we managed pretty well, and got the people on her without accident. But she swum very deep, and dangerously so. As long as she was under the lee of the wreck, it was not a matter of so much consequence, but it was a ticklish moment when they let go the painter, and put her head round for the shore. We watched her progress for a minute or two, and then proceeded to lower the second cutter, the captain saying, "Now, Gilbert, it is your turn." The boat was successfully lowered, and the hands passed safely over the side, leaving Captain Harisson, Mr. Gilbert, and myself. Then the captain addressed the mate and said, "Gilbert, I must be the last man on board, step over the side. Stedman, fetch me my glass; it lies on the companion-hatch." I brought it to him, and he ordered me to get into the boat. As he followed me to the ship's bulwarks, I, of course, obeyed him, never dreaming of any-

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LATEST.

The Clerk of the Board of Trustees of San Luis Dist., intends purchasing a portion of Mrs. Lubeck's vineyard, on which to erect a new school-house.

The barber establishment at Locust Grove is still in a flourishing condition, and customers do not seem to be wanting.

On Friday last there was a severe frost which probably resultsd fatally to a great portion of the fruit trees. Mr. Watt's apricot and several other trees are supposed to be ruined for this year's crop.

Some one basely insinuated that Old Jim's flowery days were over (it could not have been Miss Della for no one so fully appreciates his sterling qualities.) Surely he must have overheard that remark; for that very night a great commotion was heard on the front veranda, and a young man returning rather late from dancing school discovered—not Banquo's ghost, or any so ghastly a visitant—only Old Jim; whose head and bristly mane were completely powdered with the contents of a flower sack which by an over sight had not been conveyed to the kitchen. We have no doubt that as he leisurely sauntered off, he murmered: "My hair is white, but not with years; for it grew white in a single night."

A party of four; Miss Clayton, Miss Dillon, Miss Landsborough and Mr. Chas. Tilden, started Sunday evening in due time to attend the Methodist Church, but were informed that there would be no service, so they spent a pleasant hour at Mrs. Pauli's.

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The "Sunbeam" has always contained conundrums, riddles, etc. since its first appearance; but we see that the waste of space can just as well as not be filled with news, and think that it will not be a great loss to our readers as we have not received even attempt to answer them for the past month.

ARRIVALS.

Mr. Tilden; Mr. Underhill; Adolph and Peter Schleiden; Willie Foye, and Jas. A. Landsborough.

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thing but that he would follow me. But when he saw that I was safe on board the boat, he called out, to the surprise of all,— "Thirteen is an unlucky number, Gilbert; you are too deep as it is, and will do better without me. I shall stay on board to take care of the ship. Give way, my lads!" Take care of the ship, indeed! God help him! the ship was breaking up fast, and the cargo coming up alongside. As he spoke he cast off the end of the painter where it was made fast on board, and we were at once swept twelve or fifteen feet from the wreck, and if we had not pulled the cutter's bow round should have been capsized instantly. We could not have returned to the ship now if we had risked our lives to the utmost in attempting to do so. Had we been able to accomplish it, we most certainly should have been compelled to use force to remove the Captain. We saw him wave his hand to us, and walk deliberately to the weather quarter, where he crouched down, and, levelling his glass, looked out to windward. You see, although he was so cool in taking command when the ship struck, and in arranging for the safety of the men; yet as soon as the first great excitement was over his ideas went back to their former channel. He had no care now for his wrecked ship, for his good men in extreme danger, or even for his own life, fast drawing to a close. No,—no; his thoughts were fifteen hundred miles away, with a deserted ship and a lost crew, whom he would have given his life to rescue, and for whom he would look until his last hour, but in vain!

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LOCALS.

Last Monday, Arthur Landsborough attempted to ride a young colt that had somehow got into Locust Grove, but the animal slightly objected by throwing Arthur off, and running away through the orchard.

Mrs. Dorwin and her daughter Lottie arrived here Saturday before last, and are stopping at Mrs. Akers. Her son Romeo is one of the scholars at Locust Grove.

It has been quite a while since we have had Sunday-school here, but Mrs. Lubeck now has a class every Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Pauli are still stopping at the Sonoma House, but it will not be long before they will move in their new cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. Lubeck went to San Francisco on Tuesday last, and after having his picture taken, Mr. Lubeck returned the same afternoon. Mrs. Lubeck remained until Wednesday.

Bird-nesting time has arrived, and regular expeditions for collecting eggs are fitted out nearly every Saturday. Although it is a great amusement to many, some of the boys have had quite a tough time of it from the effects of poison oak, and Jerome Vosburgh and Johnnie Williams were poisoned pretty badly.

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